

Cutts Mansion  
Saco, Maine  
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

District of Maine

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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537 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

"CUTTS MANSION"

Saco, York County, Maine

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Owner

(Pepperell Manufacturing Company )  
Biddeford, Maine

PURCHASED AUG. 1937  
MRS GERTRUDE LIOBEY ANTHONY,  
SHAWSCOTT  
SACO, MAINE

Date of Erection

1782

Builders

Four Moody Brothers (ref. Frank C. Deering, Saco, Maine)

Present Condition

Exterior proportions of the building are believed to be practically unchanged since originally constructed. There have been a number of interior alterations such as partitions changed, new ceilings, new floors, chimneys removed and replaced and fireplaces closed.

The front entrance of the Cutts Mansion is strikingly beautiful in design as is also the interior front stairway.

Number of Stories

Three

Materials of Construction

Foundation brick. Exterior walls clapboarded. Interior walls are plastered and panelled. Rafters and heavy timbers are of pine.

Other Existing Records

"Colonel Thomas Cutts" by George Addison Emery, published in 1917.

Additional Data

In 1759, at the time of his marriage, Colonel Cutts built a small one story frame house on Factory Island where he lived until 1782 when the Mansion was completed.

Colonel Cutts was the son of Deacon Richard Cutts of Cutts Island, Kittery, Maine and a great grand son of Robert Cutts who emigrated from England to Maine in 1645. (ref. Colonel Thomas Cutts by George Addison Emery)

Additional Data-Continued

Colonel Thomas Cutts came to Saco from Kittery in 1758 at the age of twenty-two years. He soon engaged in trading, shipbuilding and navigation. He acquired vast properties, vessels, mills, built and owned toll bridges, etc. Colonel Cutts was one of the most eminent merchants of his time in Maine. Through his many enterprises, he became very wealthy.

He was given the commission of Major, then of Colonel by the Massachusetts Bay Colony, was a representative to General Court and a Councillor of Massachusetts. (ref. Colonel Thomas Cutts by George Addison Emery)

The Cutts Mansion is said to have been the most costly dwelling in Maine at the time it was built. There were two houses next the mansion which were used as the Cutts smoke house and the wash house.

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